

## CLAIMS:

Having disclosed our invention what we claim as new and to be secured by Letters Patent of the United States of America is:

Claim 1. A method of binding an edge of a material without stitching, the binding to said material comprising a binding fabric adhered on at least one side with an adhesive tape on both faces thereof, a welting material secured in a pocket formed by said binding fabric on one side of said binding fabric by folding over on itself, said binding fabric and said adhesive tape, and securing said material to be bound to said binding fabric by said adhesive tape extending from said binding fabric, the end of said material substantially abutting said welt formed over said adhesive tape.

Claim 2. A method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein a bead of thermoplastic adhesive is applied in-between said material and the welt formed and over said adhesive tape.

Claim 3. A method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said bead of thermoplastic adhesive is pre-applied to said welt formed over said adhesive tape and subsequently bound by melting of the thermoplastic adhesive by a heating means.

Claim 4. A binding material comprising a fabric pre-applied with an adhesive and welting material pre-applied with second adhesive for abutting a carpet edge and permanently binding said welt to said carpet edge.

Claim 5. A binding material comprising a fabric pre-applied with a first adhesive for temporary positioning said binding material so as to allow a welt to abut the edge of a carpet to be bound, said welt being pre-applied with second adhesive for abutting a carpet edge to allow a permanent bind between said welt and said carpet edge.